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## From the 'Deads'

Another night of undead love and angst at the Dominion Hotel

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## Winter fun

Alexa-Kate Mulock tried her hand at being a snowman at Kinmount's Winterfest celebrations Sunday, Feb. 13. See more photos on page 10. Chad Ingram Times staff

# Councillors look for Rail Trail fix

Chad Ingram  
Staff reporter

It looks like the county will be turning back to the public for input on the management of the Rail Trail.

While councillors on the economic development committee had discussed in January sending out a request for proposal for consultants to do a study for a new Rail Trail master plan, at a Feb. 9 committee meeting, they changed direction.

"I've been doing a lot of thinking," Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey told his colleagues, adding that what he had to say might make them upset.

Fearrey reiterated what an ongoing and complicated matter managing the corridor has been for the county and said he didn't know if it was really necessary to hire a consultant at this point in time.

"You know, what we're doing is not going to fix it," he said.

Another study would only further polarize the trail's various user groups, Fearrey reasoned.

Those groups, which promote both motorized and non-motorized activities, have long squabbled over who should be allowed on the trail and when they should be allowed on.

Fearrey thought the government and the user groups should be able to reach consensus on their own.

"I think there's enough common sense in this county to do that," he said, adding he'd rather see the money that would have been spent on another study go towards improvements to the trail itself.

"I don't disagree," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, who had issues with some of the language that had

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## Stouffer students help food bank in 800 ways

Archie Stouffer Elementary School managed to collect more than 800 non-perishable food items for the Minden Food Bank during its 100 Days of Caring campaign. Last Friday marked the 100th day of the school year and the school more than doubled its goal of 400 items. Pictured are members of the school's Helping Hands club.

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## Correction

A story last week referred to the Dorset fire department. It should be noted that Algonquin Highlands has only one fire department – Algonquin Highlands Fire Services – and three stations within that department. Also, while council discussed the McCollough report's 37 recommendations in detail, there were two or three it did not adopt.

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**February 17, 2011**

**Who's your favourite?**

**Coles'Notes**  
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**The Highlands Weekender**

**Dorset hosts Snowball**

On Friday evening around supper time, there is a skating party with music for children and adults. This event has become a tradition in a family setting for several residents of Dorset. Great music – great skating!

There will be hot chocolate and hot dogs around the rink for those who want to warm up or get hungry after all that skating. DJ KJ Chris is providing music and a fantastic light show not to be missed!

Saturday's events begin with a pancake breakfast provided by the Muskoka Skating Club. It's an all-you-can-eat breakfast and wonderfully delicious!

After the breakfast, everyone heads outside to see the Dorset Snowball parade. Anyone can be in the parade – no that is too big – so that is too small! Call the ice center at 705-266-9966 for more information.

The parade proceeds down Main Street, over the single lane bridge, past Ballantyne's General Store and on to the Dorset Recreation Centre. Where the parade wraps up. The official opening

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## Bridges need work

Chad Ingram  
Staff reporter

The county will need to spend millions of dollars in upcoming years for repairs to its many bridges and culverts. This was the message to councillors on the county's roads committee from county engineer Roy Haig as he presented his bridge needs study at a Feb. 9 meeting.

Topping the list is Haliburton Village's Head Lake Bridge, which Haig said will likely require somewhere between \$1.2 million and \$1.5 million worth of work.

The aging structure, which Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey believed was installed in the late 1950s, is supported by metal piles, which Haig said are deteriorating.

"They are going to deteriorate to the point where we'll have to do something," he said.

The bridge's rails no longer comply with provincial standards and will also have to be upgraded.

Along the Rail Trail, the 93-metre-long Howland Junction bridge needs its wood and chain-link railing replaced, preferably this summer, Haig said, as well as work on its supporting infrastructure, which consists of wooden and steel parts.

Haig described that bridge as being in "bad shape."

Common problems throughout the county include cracking curbs and parapets, rusting and broken anchor bolts on steel truss bridges, such as the single-lane, green bridge on Horseshoe Lake Road.

Rusting sections of culverts need to be replaced and some culverts require repairs with concrete grouting.

While the county has seen substantial infrastructure funding from the province and the feds in recent years, "we aren't expecting anything in the near future."



# News

## Minden Hills councillors talk pay freeze

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Minden Hills councillors recommended approval of the township's 2011 draft budget at a Feb. 10 committee-of-the-whole meeting.

The budget would see a levy increase of as much as 3.98 per cent this year.

There is a net deficit of more than \$285,000, caused in large part by some additional funding needs for the township. These include a \$50,000 additional contribution for reserves for the purpose of a new pumper truck, \$175,000 in additional construction costs for work on Newcastle and Orde streets and \$45,000 to help compensate a reduction in provincial funding related to the Blue Box program.

The deficit can be dealt with through increased taxes, contributions from reserves, reducing expenditures or by relying on what is going to be a surplus for 2010.

Councillor and finance committee chairman Ken Redpath, called the surplus "generous," adding it was expected it would total around \$300,000.

The surplus is due in part to cost savings from a lighter winter, lower than anticipated policing costs, higher than anticipated building permits and staff members who've been off on sick leave, whose salary is covered by insurance.

Redpath said the surplus would be used to fund capital projects on council's wish list and that department heads would be asked to come forward with business plans for the various projects.

They include, among others, a scoreboard for the ball diamond, programmable highway signage and a weigh scale for the Scotch Line landfill.

The high priority items on the list total more than \$300,000.

"We'll have to pick and choose," Reeve Barb Reid said.

Redpath also suggested that councillors forgo an annual three-per-cent increase in their remuneration, a move that would save the township about \$5,000.

"I don't think it's the amount as much as it is simply sending a message," he said, explaining that many people continue to endure tough economic conditions.

Councillor Lisa Schell raised concern with this idea, pointing out that four years ago when the last council got

going, it was revealed that councillors in Minden Hills made substantially less than councillors in the county's other townships and so made an increase to bring them up to level.

"We had to give ourselves this big, rich raise to come into line with the rest of the county," Schell said, adding she didn't want this council to put the next council in that position. "It looks really badly."

Reid shared Schell's concern and suggested the township may want to do comparison of remuneration rates.

Instead of a salary freeze, Councillor Jean Neville suggested that councillors might forgo mileage payments for a year.

User rates for Minden's water and sewer system will increase by five per cent, in a move designed to help pay off the shortfall the township acquired on the water tower project.

The rate increase will affect residents of Lutterworth Pines as well.

Budget documents should be available on the township's website this week and a public meeting regarding the fee changes and the 2011 budget will be held in Minden Hills council chambers on Feb. 22 at 7 p.m.

## Looking at Canada through its ice fishing architecture

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

Toronto-based photographer Richard Johnson has a collection of work that shows Canada through its ice fishing architecture.

Johnson describes his visual style as "simple yet intentional; isolating these structures against overcast grey, snowy backgrounds. This allows the viewer to compare both functional and aesthetic similarities, and differences, as manifested in variations of colour, design, emblematic detail, accessory, relative proximity to one another and the implied sub-cultural significance to their creators."

The show is being held at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden and will be on until March 26. He attended the opening with his wife Lucie Bergeron-Johnson and youngest daughter Zoe. Johnson, who hopes to complete the entire country in the next few years, started the project in 2007. He will travel out west next and is expected to go to Nunavut after.



A visitor looks at photos from Toronto photographer Richard Johnson's Ice Huts & Ice Villages show during the opening day at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery on Feb. 5.



**Darren Lum** Times staff

Richard Johnson speaks to the media at the opening of his exhibit.

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# Swamp deeper than hoped

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

The Riverwalk's boardwalk is going to cost more than Minden Hills had hoped.

The boardwalk, the last major phase in the township's Riverwalk project, will span the swampy area between Invergordon Avenue and the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

"The swamp is deeper than anybody might have hoped for," community services director Rick Cox told councillors.

The depth of the swamp means the boardwalk will require some structural changes, mainly an increase in the number of rock piles it requires for its base.

The original tender for the project was \$338,000, but now the estimated cost is \$615,000, Cox said, and said council had a number of options.

Going with a scaled-down version would cost about \$422,000, but would mean an "undersized and radically reduced boardwalk," he said.

The original design, which Cox described as a peace symbol-shape because of its pronged walkway, called for an eight-foot wide deck.

Keeping the same design, but reducing the deck width to six feet would have cost approximately \$510,000, but Cox expressed

concern this would not be wide enough to accommodate two wheelchairs side by side.

With a seven-foot-wide deck, the cost would be approximately \$560,000 and could have been a good compromise Cox said.

However, he told councillors that even with the cost increase, there was still room in the Riverwalk budget for the original design.

The Riverwalk project has two-thirds provincial and federal funding for a total project cost of up to \$1.5 million.

Cox said the township still has access to half a million dollars in stimulus money. Even with the increased boardwalk cost, the total project cost will still be below \$1.5 million.

Council was supportive of proceeding with the original design.

"I really support this," said Councillor-at-large Larry Clarke, adding that considering the demographics of the township, it was important the boardwalk be able to comfortably accommodate wheelchairs and scooters.

"It's good to know we can do the original program," said Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch, who sits on the Riverwalk committee.

Some portions of the project have come in under budget.

# Hockey Haven owner looks for deposit reduction

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Haliburton Hockey Haven owner Troy Binnie was in Minden Hills council chambers last week, asking councillors to reconsider a large increase on the deposit he is being asked to pay for ice time at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

Binnie, a retired NHL player, purchased Haliburton Hockey Haven last year. The hockey school was started by NHLers Jim Gregory and Bobby Orr in the mid-1960s and Binnie is trying to bring it back to a model that has kids interacting with former professional players.

Last summer, the camp ended up using much less ice time than it had anticipated.

The anticipated hours for last year were 237, but only 75 were used, resulting in an approximately \$20,000 shortfall for the township.

"Last year was a bit of a learning curve for everyone, including myself," Binnie told councillors. "We don't feel that it's a really fair chance to Haliburton Hockey Haven for

one year to be increased by 50 per cent on our deposit."

This year enrolment is up, Binnie said, and he is projecting the school will use 150 hours of ice time this summer.

Rather than being asked to pay for 50 per cent of the ice time upfront, Binnie ask that council reduce that rate to 30 per cent.

That change is being incorporated into the draft fees and charges bylaw and councillors seemd to feel it was a fair compromise.

The township's existing bylaw requires a 10 per cent deposit on ice time.

"I very much appreciate what Troy Binnie is trying to build with Haliburton Hockey Haven and we're happy to have the business, but we have a responsibility to the taxpayers to make good business decisions," Reeve Barb Reid told the *Times*. "It's not fiscally responsible for the municipality to assume financial risk on behalf of Haliburton Hockey Haven. HHH needs to build into their business model sufficient profitability to cover the fixed costs of their business and offset less than anticipated bookings."





George Farrell, right, joined Hugh Taylor, left, and the other members of Jazz Kitchen, performing a blues song of Farrell's concoction dedicated to Valentine's Day during the Dead Poets' salute to the agony of love at the Dominion Hotel on Feb. 12./Photo by Chad Ingram

## A toast to the agony of love

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

The night may have been about empty hearts, but the house was full at the Dominion Hotel for the Dead Poets Society's Valentine's Day salute to the agony of love on Feb. 12.

Linda McNamara got things cooking with a reading of Alfred Tennyson's *The Lady of Shallott*, a tale of a magical being who, while it is forbidden, falls in love with a mortal man.

"There's a small onion joke in there somewhere, but I just couldn't find it," quipped mistress of ceremonies Kathleen Atkinson-Hindle.

Doug Pugh took the stage as Rumi, a 13th-century Persian poet and theologian.

"I've been dead for 800 years, so that's not the smell of fear of me being on stage," Pugh said before reading a few selections of Rumi's contemplative work.

As it sometimes does, the society opened its doors to couple of live poets on Saturday and Marjorie Green gave a reading of *February*, a humorous take on a dreary month by Margaret Atwood.

"Frankly, I think she always sounds like she's dead," Green said as she took the podium.

Next up, John Unrau read poems by another living Canadian poet, Partick Lane.

Unrau said he'd chosen poems that were about a very different kind of love than the romantic kind and read some of Lane's work about his tortured relationship with his parents.

In a Dead Poets' debut, George Farrell and Jazz Kitchen performed a Valentine's blues number penned by Farrell himself, to much delight from the crowd.

Alex Morrison took the stage as Robbie Burns, Donna Gagnon as Elizabeth Smart



As always, Kathleen Atkinson-Hindle was the mistress of ceremonies for the evening.



John Unrau performed works of Patrick Lane.

and Laura Redman as Anne Sexton.

Dominion owner Shawn Chamberlin performed as Roy Orbison and brought down the house with a rendition of Love Hurts.

The society is set to reconvene for the summer solstice.

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# points of view

## No winning the Rail Trail

**W**ONDER WHAT IT'S LIKE to sit in on a county Rail Trail discussion?

First, find a wall.

Preferably, this wall will be of concrete construction, but any wall will do. Found one?

OK.

Now beat your head against it repeatedly.

At an economic development committee meeting last week, councillors decided against proceeding with a request for proposals for a consultant to do a study on the Rail Trail at this time, which had been the direction things were going in January.

I mean no disrespect to county councillors, who are an intelligent and capable group of people.

And the new council, half comprised of first-time upper-tier politicians, certainly deserves a shot at the problem.

However, what they're facing is an un-winnable war.

During the nearly two and half years I've written for this publication, I've sat through hours upon hours of discussion on the Rail Trail.

And that conversation is a merry-go-round.

From hell.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid has said council needs to agree the trail is a multi-use one and come up with a solid definition of what multi-use

means.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt has said the community must define what the Rail Trail is to be and that some user groups may have to be excluded if they don't fit that vision.

Both fine suggestions, but no matter what council does, some portion of the population will be left dissatisfied and agitated by the solution.

Hikers, ATVers, adjacent property owners – at the end of the day, someone is going to be unhappy with council's decision.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, who recently and rightfully called the Rail Trail a nightmare, commented last week that for 15 years, the county

seemed to govern the trail with little problem.

That was before the county began formalizing the corridor with studies and master plans.

Perhaps the best and simplest solution is the most hands-off approach possible.

Just put up some "use at own risk" signs and let people have at it.

I've suggested before in this space that the best solution to the Rail Trail problem would be to just slap some railway tracks back on the thing so that no one can use it.

But that of course is ridiculous.

What the county actually needs is a few truckloads of seedlings.



**Chad Ingram**  
Reporter

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letters to the editor

## Finance committee chair clarifies budget figures

To the Editor:

I wish to clarify that most property owners in Minden Hills will not be facing an average four-per-cent increase in their local taxes as was reported in the online version of the *Times* on Feb. 10.

The draft budget that was discussed during the committee-of-the-whole meeting of Minden Hills on Thursday, February 10th, proposed an average increase of 2.9 percent for existing properties whose value has not increased through the building of additions or other improvements, but has simply increased in value due to the phase-in of the 2008 MPAC property re-assessment. This will apply to the vast majority of property owners. The assessment on newly built or improved properties will raise another 1.08 per cent in additional new tax levy for a total tax levy increase of 3.98 per cent. While we are attempting to keep the tax

increase to a minimum, we are in no way standing still in Minden Hills. Our staff have done a great job of finding new and creative ways to deliver services more efficiently. The budget includes funding for significant road and bridge work, a contribution toward the purchase of a new pumper truck for the fire department in 2012, the completion of a number of projects already underway as well as purchases for productivity improvement that will allow us to achieve even more efficiencies. Your council is committed to doing all it can to make our community an even better place for all of its residents.

**Ken Redpath**  
Councillor, Ward 2 and Finance Chair

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# points of view

## You must remember this

**H**ARLEQUIN, THE COMPANY that bring us those fine romantic, literary gems, is now trying to patent the kiss. Even as you read this, the U.S. Patent and Trademark office is considering their seven-page application that asks for legal rights to the act.

Why, you ask? Because nothing says romance like owning the proprietary rights to something.

The company's spokesperson says that they will leave the kiss within the public domain – not charging royalties on each – but I'm a bit skeptical. Sure, they say that now, but what if things change? What if they decide to charge a nickel every time?

Suddenly, I'll have to start budgeting.

I can proudly say that I have never paid for a kiss – at least in cold, hard cash. If, however, Harlequin wins these rights and decides to charge for it, this could severely impact the number of

kisses we all receive.

Think of how it could hurt new relationships. Say, for instance, you are on a date and things are going exceedingly well. You look at each other, and, for the first time, you notice that the wilted lettuce in her Big Mac offsets her eyes.

There and then, you realize that you were right to go all out. Yes, all the effort and expense was worth it. You'd like to kiss her.

Here's where things get awkward though. You smile and make some small talk.

You compliment her on the way she looks and flirt a bit. Then you purse your lips, just like it says in the diagram that the Harlequin people have presented to the patent office. That done, you inch closer, just as she does.

The moment feels so right. So you say the words that every woman longs to hear. "I'll pay for this kiss but I think its only fair that we split the cost of the next one."

You then slap a nickel on the table, just to show her that you are plenty serious.

I think we can all see where this is going. You botch the first kiss. So, predictably, she pulls out a \$20 from her purse and says that she's fresh out of change.

You offer to make change since, as a guy, you came prepared and brought along your piggy bank. She then says that things are moving too quickly, that this is fiscally irresponsible, and that she needs to talk to her accountant. Ever the gentleman, you offer to loan her a quarter. But, no go.



**Steve Galea**  
Beyond 35

Yes, this is troubling. Besides, if Harlequin can patent the kiss, god knows what *Playboy* or *Penthouse* will do. Before we know it, people will be paying for things that used to be illegal to pay for.

There are a lot of unanswered questions, too. For instance, if they succeed and charge, will you have to pay for a French kiss in francs?

Even if it is free, how can Harlequin claim to have invented something that has been around ever since the first aunt chased down her terrified nephew?

No, I'm not for it. That said, whether or not they get the patent, I've got a spot in mind that they're welcome to kiss. And don't worry; it's on me.

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## Reeve, not mayor

**W**ORDS ARE, AFTER ALL, just words. There is no biological imperative that commands us to call the heads of our municipal councils anything in particular.

There are scientists who think hard about such things, but so far as I can tell we could just as easily have called our local reeve a xylophone.

That would let us beat on our leader with hammers, as required. Or we could call our chieftain chief, for that matter. Or satrap or hetman, supervisor or commissioner or chancellor. Even (shudder) mayor!

But if words are only arbitrary combinations of sounds assigned to specific objects and ideas, they stop being arbitrary with use and become our links to the way we live and think.

So it is that reeves have been chairs of the boards we call township councils in our part of the world since the beginning of time or, at least, since the beginning of Haliburton County.

The townships of Lutterworth and Stanhope may have evaporated into history with the reorganization of local government demanded by the Harris years, but reeves still rule in Haliburton.

So far.

For folks who care as much about history as The Brown Dog Jiggs and I do,

Haliburton's decision not to re-brand reeves as mayors a few years back was a relief.

The change was considered, but never seriously, according to county Warden Murray Fearrey, who has been at the table for every important decision since the beginning of time.

Rural municipalities have reeves and all of Haliburton's municipalities are rural, says Fearrey. Case closed.

Indeed. The 2001 amalgamations that reduced the county's townships to four from 10 probably made sense. Sparsely-populated territories like Snowdon and Glamorgan may have been too small to do the work we expect of local governments in the 21st century.

But Minden Hills thought enough of its history to preserve it in its name, when it could have called itself something as meaningless as, say, Springwater or Clearview, as two new Simcoe County townships did.

And when the dust had settled, we still had, and still have, reeves and their deputies at our county council table because, after all, reeve is only a word.

Their function cannot be much different from that of the rural mayors who sit, for example, on Simcoe County council.

Jiggs says I should pause here for a brief digression on local government in Ontario. At least until the 1950s, there was a lovely logic to it. It was the same everywhere, more or less.

If you lived in the countryside, you lived in a township. If enough people settled in one place, it became an incorporated village. A village might grow into a town, a town into a city.

Townships, villages and towns had reeves and, usually, deputy-reeves, who made up county council. Towns also had a mayor, who did not sit on county council, and cities usually were independent of the county that surrounded them.

Now most people in England probably would think of a reeve as a bird, the wife of a ruff, but the term also has deep roots in the history of its local government.

At first, the reeve was the king's representative in a shire (county). Later, reeves managed the local manor in

medieval England, often elected by the local peasants for the task, just as reeves would be in Ontario.

Our world seems to be about equally divided between folks who think change is always better, especially if it makes us more like everybody else, and those who like things the way they are. If it isn't broken, don't fix it.

Having a reeve must be a burden to citizens who aspire to some greater level of sophistication, who imagine reeves in flannel shirts and workboots, chewing on a bit of straw. Being a localvore is one thing, but this goes too far.

Having a mayor means you are moving up in the world, that if the place you live is not both urban and urbane, you hope it will be someday.

Being a mayor means that you are too important to be a reeve, that your ego has grown too big to fit in the reeve's chair.

You are no country bumpkin.

*A collection of Neil Campbell's columns, Cell Phones and Sap Buckets, is available in stores across Haliburton County.*

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**NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to Section 34(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001 c.25, as amended that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on February 24, 2011 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

1. File No. 09-14

Applicant – **RATZ: Wilma & Patrick**

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Horseshoe Lake, lying in front of Lot 11, Concession 7, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-9244, registered January 26, 2011.

2. File No. 10-11

Applicant – **HESLOP: James E.**

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Canning Lake, lying in front of Lot 17, Concession 1, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-9223, registered December 1, 2011.

3. File No. 10-13

Applicant – **TOWN: Carol & HARRIS: Richard**

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Clear Lake, lying in front of Lot 15, Concession 4, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-9243, registered January 25, 2011.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department of the Township of Minden Hills, 7 Milne Street, during regular office hours.

**AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE** that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

**DATED AT THE** Township of Minden Hills, this 16th day of February, 2011.

**(Ms) Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM, ACST**  
**Planning Administrator**

**MEETINGS AND EVENTS**  
**Welcome Senior Winter Games Participants/Enthusiasts**

Feb. 20th	11am	Public Skating – Northern Lights Canada
Feb. 22nd	7pm	Public Meeting
Feb. 24th	10am	Council Meeting



**Until March 26**  
**Ice Huts by Richard Johnson**  
This exhibition consists of a series of photographs capturing ice huts in Ontario. Johnson's visual style is simple yet intentional; isolating these structures against overcast gray, snowy backgrounds. Dr. Jamieson was also intrigued by this unique culture. A painting she did of ice huts will also be included in the exhibition.

**Until March 26**  
**They Sketch...They Paint! Youth Art Exhibition**  
For three consecutive Sundays youth of Haliburton county worked with artist Rose Pearson and curator Laurie Carmount to create a body of artwork capturing their boundless imaginations.

**February 11 - March 10**  
**Toys and Games Exhibit**  
Coinciding with the Senior Winter Games, this exhibit will look at toys, winter sports and games from Medieval to Depression Era. The exhibit is in the Cultural Centre common room.

**February 12 – April 22**  
**What's Here – Biodiversity in Haliburton County**  
Visit our stunning straw bale building and explore this exhibit to discover R.D. Lawrence's writings about our local ecosystem and what is being done locally and currently to preserve it.

**Feb. 19th at 2pm**  
**Species at Risk in Haliburton County**  
**Common Room – Minden Hills Cultural Centre**  
Eight species have been added to a new Species At Risk journal that will be launched with talks by guest speakers involved in the research and an update from the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust about their mission to protect our lands for generations to come. Admission by donation

**February 21 - Family Day at the Museum**  
Family Day is also Heritage Day. So on February 21st bring the whole family to the Minden Hills Museum to discover and play some Pioneer and Medieval games. Learn about the history of popular games. Embrace the outdoors with pioneer winter activities. End the day with the popular Pioneer treats of Hot Apple Cider and Roasted Chestnuts. 10-5. Admission by donation.

**PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS WILL HOLD BUDGET DELIBERATIONS AT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/GENERAL COUNCIL ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, 2011 AT 11:00 A.M. THE DRAFT BUDGET WILL BE POSTED ON THE MUNICIPAL WEBSITE ON OR BEFORE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, 2011. A PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 7 MILNE STREET, MINDEN. THE MEETING IS BEING HELD TO REVIEW & HEAR PUBLIC INPUT CONCERNING:

A) TARIFF OF FEES & CHARGES PROPOSED FOR 2011  
B) 2011 BUDGET

THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS WILL CONSIDER BY-LAWS FOR THE PROPOSED 2011 TARIFF OF FEES & CHARGES AND 2011 BUDGET AT THE FEBRUARY 24TH, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING.

For further information please visit: [www.mindenhills.ca](http://www.mindenhills.ca); or contact  
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**The Township of Minden Hills is seeking applicants for  
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- The successful candidate must have a solid knowledge of clerical functions, and be able to demonstrate strong computer skills and verbal and written communication skills. A minimum of 1-year experience in a related position is required.

**Position Description:** Clerical and office duties as assigned.

Qualified parties are invited to submit their resumes, in confidence, to The Township of Minden Hills, P.O. Box 359, Minden, Ontario KOM 2KO. Attention: Lorrie Blanchard, Treasurer.

Envelope should be clearly marked as to the position being applied for and submitted by 4:00 pm on **Tuesday, February 22, 2011.**

*We thank all applicants for applying, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information and supporting material is used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.*

Attention: Aggregate, Truck & Equipment Owners  
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Kevin Hill, Road Superintendent  
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**Please submit Equipment and Truck Rentals separately to:**

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Maple taffy courtesy of Randy Beacler of the Ontario Maple Syrup Producers Association was a big hit.

# Kinmount doesn't flake out on Winterfest

Photos by Chad Ingram

Families flocked to the fairgrounds in Kinmount for the community's annual Winterfest on Feb. 13. There was no shortage of fun winter activities from skating to displays and demonstrations to the popular homemade toboggan competition.



Above: Children show off their homemade toboggans. Right: Ice carver Robert Brooks works on a sculpture of a hockey player.



John Austin gets a helping hand as he heads down the hill behind the arena.



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5	Scott LaRue	876
6	Ronald Sedley	858.5
7	Melissa White	854
8	Jeff Barry	845
9	Andrew McGill	831.5
10	Ian Kemp	824.75
11	Martin Schuster	802.5
12	Matt Prichard	801.5
13	Chase Heinemann	801
14	Maie Arike	800.5
15	Michael Moxley	799.5
16	Bob McKay	794.5
17	Larry Southgate	794
18	David Douglas	787
19	Orville Meeke	785.5
20	Denniella Rivard	770.25
21	Paul Cameron	766.5
22	R Bell	765
23	Nancy Holden	763.25
24	Jordan Hamilton	762
25	Robert McIvor	752.25
26	Pat Barry	747.25
27	Gerald Ainsworth	742.25
28	Jamie Pritchard	742
29	JoAnne Sharpley	739
30	Ray Lymer	736.5
31	Dan MacMillan	728.5
32	Rhonda Shaw	718.25
33	Audrey Sedley	717.75
34	Robin Carmount	714
35	Jonathan Sharpley	713
36	Larry Holden	707
37	Andrew Carmount	706.25
38	Daniel Rivard	691
39	Beryl Rasmus	691
40	Norm Bottum	682.75
41	Shannon Robertson	679.5
42	Richard Rasmus	677
43	Peter R Stelter	673
44	Ann McIvor	669
45	Bruce Fisher	664
46	Dwight Thomas	656.5
47	Matt Mihlik	616.75
48	Paydon Miscio	615.75

# From air force to OPP to deputy reeve

**H**e will always remember that December night in 1968 when two policemen were shot and killed in front of him.

For Mike Maher it was the high/low point of a 23-year career as an Ontario Provincial Police constable.

He was one of only nine officers who were responsible for keeping the peace in a huge area which stretched from the Algonquin Park West Gate all the way to the county line near Norland.

## Interesting



## People

george farrell

One event, no matter how dramatic, does not constitute a lifetime, and for Maher things started in Cobourg, Ont. where he grew up.

After secondary school his dad insisted that he attend high school in Toronto, and young Mike ended up at De La Salle.

He left before graduating,

to join the air force. That was in 1953.

"Dad didn't want me to do it, so that's what I did," recalls Maher. "It was right after the war, don't forget, so there was still an aura of excitement around the armed forces. Besides it was time for me to move out."

After a stint in boot camp in St. Jean, Que, Maher was assigned a position as an aircraft electrical technician.

He spent 11 years in the air force, and during that time, in 1960, married wife Anne. In 1965 he decided that a career change was in order.

He turned down a position with Lockheed that would have taken him to the U.S. state of Georgia, and instead applied to the OPP in Belleville, Ont. He was still only 28. Maher went to Toronto for his training and was then sent to district headquarters in Peterborough, where in July of '65 he was assigned to the Minden branch.

"Minden, where's that?" was Maher's initial response. "Don't worry," the district officer told him, "officers who go there can't be dragged out with wild horses, you'll love it." And so it turned out.

"I found out that this was a good detachment, because of the diversity," says Maher. "We got to work on traffic, break-ins, theft," a little bit of everything.

"For me it was a new career, a new location and right off the bat an interesting beginning. It was nothing back then on a Saturday night to do up to nine traffic accidents. The county is huge and we were lucky if we had four constables on at night, and one of them had to man the desk and phone."

One fly in the ointment was that housing was hard to come by, so Anne didn't move up until September, after they'd secured a house. They both found living in a small town to their liking, though the quickness that news travelled in the community took them both by surprise.

"Anne went to the doctor in Haliburton for a checkup and was told that she was pregnant," Maher recalls. "On her way back from Haliburton she stopped at the post office in Minden to collect the mail, and the clerk said to her; 'Oh, you're the new policeman's wife who's pregnant.' We laughed for years about that." Daughter Michelle was born in 1967. "She was our Centennial project," he remarks, chuckling.

Maher's countenance changes when he recalls that fateful night in '68.

"I can remember every little detail," he states.

"It was Dec. 11, 8:43 p.m. A man, who was quite frankly



Mike Maher witnessed the horrific murder of two of his colleagues on the police force – an experience he still clearly remembers.

Photo by George Farrell

unstable, had kicked his own mom and dad out of their home and threatened to kill them if they returned. Two local officers were assigned to try and get him to come out of the house safely. He wouldn't come out so they backed off and asked for additional help."

Maher was part of the backup help that arrived, which included two other officers from Peterborough who had just taken a psychology course.

Those two officers walked up to the house and said "we're not armed."

"They tried to talk him out but he opened up with a 44-40 rifle and he shot and killed the both of them. One of the officers died in my arms," says Maher, still incredulous after all these years.

The man in the house eventually threw out his gun. Then one officer climbed in a window and after a struggle, subdued him.

Maher likes to think that such a tragedy is unlikely to happen today.

"Nowadays there's better training, they have a tactical team, and they would employ better equipment. Plus there's a lot more officers now." These are good changes, but Maher also sees some worrying elements.

"Back then we all lived locally in the village and people got to know us and respect us and we got to know them and their families. Today, many officers live outside the village or outside the county. Other than the few officers who were raised here very few people are familiar with the OPP personnel or their families."

After his retirement on April 1, 1998 Mike and Anne decided to remain in Minden.

"We love this county," he states. "We made friends and we were accepted."

That much is clear; Mike Maher was a councillor, and then deputy reeve of Minden in the years from 1988 to 1991.

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# Have an arty March break

March Break Culture Club  
2011 Children's Programming at the  
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## Monday, March 14

Making A Universe  
10:30am – 3 p.m.

AGE: 10+  
COST: \$20

If you had the opportunity to fill a huge void with stars, planets and solar systems, what would it look like?

Would there be shooting rockets and space stations? Would aliens battle?

Is time travel possible?

In this workshop our Common Room will suddenly be transformed into a new universe by collectively deciding on elements and structures to build, creatively using a wide assortment of art materials.

Each participant will take home the items they made.

## Tuesday, March 15

Wire Sculpture  
10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

AGE: 10+  
COST: \$20

Charles O'Neil is a renowned sculptor.

In his workshop children will follow step-by-step process on how to create a beautiful animal sculpture.

Participants must supply: small wire cutter, needle nose pliers, working gloves and safety glasses.

## Wednesday, March 16

My Impressions on a Pillow Case  
10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

AGE: 10+  
COST: \$20

This workshop involves learning basic sewing skills and fibre arts methods.

Learn to stitch together material to make a pillow case.

Participants will then decide on different sewing techniques and applications to create their own impressions which could include transfers, silk screening and embroidery.

## Thursday, March 17

Sock Monkeys  
10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

AGE: 10+  
COST: \$20

Who doesn't love sock monkeys?!

Fun and loveable the sock monkey is all the rage.

In this workshop participants will learn to make their very own traditional cuddly sock monkey.

## Friday, March 18

Plasticine Land  
10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

AGE: 8+  
COST: \$20

This workshop is a fun day of entering into a world of complete imagination.

Participants will create creatures, people, buildings, villages, castles, trees, etc. and anything else they wish.

Collectively we will begin to see the Land of Plasticine form.

Questions will be posed: How do things work in Plasticine Land? How does one get around?

Is there a country, an economy – what happens with the garbage?

There may be time at the end for participants to make a short animation with the pieces created.

Each participant will take home the items they made.

Who doesn't love sock monkeys?! Learn to make your own traditional toy Thursday, March 17 at the cultural centre. Cost \$20 for kids 10 and older.



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# New guidelines developed for volunteers

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Minden Hills council has recommended approval of general terms of reference and a set of guidelines for the township's advisory committees and boards.

The documents were discussed at a committee-of-the-whole meeting on Feb. 10.

The set of guidelines, a nine-page document entitled Volunteering in Minden Hills, includes various sections ranging from guiding principles to safety and security to a confidentiality agreement.

There is also a volunteer declaration that must be signed.

The five-page terms of reference document includes information on timelines, work groups, decision making and the roles of committee members as well as committee chairpersons.

Last month, council decided that councillors will now be

chairing the committees, traditionally chaired by citizens.

Councillor-at-large Larry Clarke said he had concerns with some of the semantics of the terms of reference and asked that they be changed.

Clarke wanted the terms of reference to better reflect consensus decision-making.

Part of the decision-making section read, "The chair shall allow for control and participation in discussion by all members in attendance."

Clarke thought taking a standardized approach to how committees are run is more professional.

Interim CAO John Rogers had used terms of reference for committees associated with the LHIN as the basis for the document.

As she has previously, Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch spoke out against the creation of general terms of reference for committees, which in the past have drawn up their own terms of reference.

"I take great exception to the terms of reference, which is a blanket coverage," she said, adding that some committees

already have terms of reference and that it seemed like the new document would simply override them.

Councillor Brigitte Gall said it was her understanding from staff that general terms of reference were something that was welcome and saw the document as an "operational manual."

Councillor Jean Neville wondered why committees couldn't draw up their own terms of reference to be incorporated into the general ones.

Most councillors seemed to agree that this seemed like a fine idea.

"It's not going to wash with me," Murdoch said, adding that if something was wrong with the way the committees had been working, she'd understand making the change. "Empower these community people."

Murdoch said she felt like council has already taken power away from the population by making councillors committee chairpersons.

## One of oldest syrup producers to host first local tapping in March

A sure sign that spring is right around the corner is the ceremonial First Tapping planned for March 5 at Martin's Sugar Bush near Bobcaygeon.

One of the oldest maple-syrup operations in this part of Ontario, Martin's will open its doors to connoisseurs of all things maple as well as beginners wanting to learn more about the maple craft.

The event finds a new home each year, but for members of the Haliburton-Kawartha Maple Syrup Producers Association (HKMSPA), it's a tradition, a chance to hang out with fellow producers from across Central Ontario.

The Martin family has been making maple syrup for more than a century, stretching back through five generations to the days of wooden buckets and iron kettles hung between two trees.

Family and local friends pitched in and the business grew. It really blossomed under third-generation brothers Byron and Wallace, who managed 3,000 taps that produced as many as 800 gallons of syrup in a season.

Along the way, horse-drawn stone boats gave way to a tractor and a wagon and then to pipelines. An oil-fired evaporator streamlined production.

Now the fourth generation, current owners Miles and Jayne Martin and Ron and BettyAnne Shaw have scaled back in semi-retirement to 300 taps. Miles is Wallace's son and BettyAnne is Byron's daughter.

"It is back to a family hobby," says Miles. "Children and grandchildren drawing the buckets to the wagon, warm syrup poured over ice cream at the end of the day, a much simpler version."

First Tapping has taken place across HKMSPA territory, which includes the city of Kawartha Lakes, the counties of Peterborough and Haliburton and Durham Region.

Organizers try to schedule the event for just before the sap actually starts running, but an early spring almost got the season ahead of last year's event near Uphill, just west of Norland. In recent years, it also has been held near Millbrook, Lakefield, Cavan and Haliburton. Everybody's welcome on March 5, says Betty Anne. "Learn about the process and taste a little maple. Come enjoy the morning."

Martin's Sugar Bush is at 74 St. Alban's Road, three kilometres west of Bobcaygeon, just off County Road 8. Start time on March 5 is 10:30 a.m. For more information, call Miles Martin at 705-738-2645 or Ron Shaw at 705-738-3670.

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## Councillors aware trail decision will be divisive

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been used in the draft RFP, which she found to be confrontational.

Moffatt has said the county's role in the saga of the Rail Trail should not be one of mediation or humouring user groups, but rather finding out what sort of vision the majority of the community has for the corridor and working towards that.

Minden Hills Reeve and committee chairwoman Barb Reid had said at last month's meeting that she didn't think proceeding with another consultant's report was a good spend.

Last week, Reid said councillors must agree that the Rail Trail is going to be a multi-use trail.

Moffatt said some user groups might have to be excluded if they didn't fit the community vision.

Fearrey commented that for 15 years, the county had run the trail just fine and that it seemed all the problems had started after it started dealing with studies.

While at one time the county did have a Rail Trail management committee comprised of politicians and representatives from various user groups, it was disbanded two years ago after being deemed ineffective.



# Reid takes pool proposal to county

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

It seems the county might dip its toe in the concept of a community swimming pool.

At an economic development committee meeting Feb. 9, county councillors discussed undertaking a market demand feasibility study, a suggestion brought forward by Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid.

"A group of community members have been working hard and building support for the construction of a pool and recreation centre in Haliburton County for several years now," Reid wrote in a submission, adding that this group, which calls itself the Haliburton County Pool Initiative Committee, had gathered approximately 1,000 signatures from residents who support the idea of a pool.

Reid, fulfilling an election promise to investigate the possibility of a pool, met members of the group in November and was subsequently put in contact with the regional director of the YMCA, who informed Reid that Toronto-based research company LeisurePlan International Inc. had done many such studies for his organization.

It was Reid's suggestion that the county follow the YMCA's approach and hire LeisurePlan, for the fee of approximately \$35,000, to conduct the telephone-based study and that it apply for a grant from the Haliburton County Development Corporation for the funding.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt thought \$35,000 for a phone survey sounded pretty steep.

Reid said the process was much more complicated than just conducting a phone survey, and that a lot of the work goes into creating an "operational hypothesis."

"And there's the analytical side of it," Reid said.

The survey would include the analysis of some 700 responses, but, as Reid explained, this didn't mean the first 700 people who responded would be used. Rather, she said, responses would be taken from certain demographic groups. "There are certain targets for each demographic profile," Reid said, adding that up to 4,000 calls could be made during the course of the study. "It's a fairly scientific process."

Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton noted that what Reid was talking about would be a sole-source contract, rather than putting the study out for tender. "I'm not sure just how transparent this is," Burton said.

"I don't want to say it's a leap of faith," Reid said, explaining the company's glowing recommendation from the YMCA was enough justification to set aside the county's purchasing policy.

Moffatt said a few paragraphs on a piece of paper weren't good enough for her to override the county's purchasing policy and said reps from the YMCA should pay council a visit. "They should be able to come and talk to us about it," she said. "I'd like to hear from them first-person."

Dysart et al Murray Fearrey wanted to meet with someone from the company as well.

"I don't know these people from a hill of beans," he said.

Fearrey wanted to know what questions would be involved in the survey and while it was suggested the survey only involve permanent residents, he wanted all of the county's taxpayers involved in the process in some way.

He also questioned how high a priority the construction of a pool should be.

"Housing is still my No. 1 priority," he said, adding he found it difficult to talk about the construction of recreational facilities when people are coming to his door telling him they can't fill their oil tanks.

Staff will be making requests to have reps visit council.



## The swing of things

Minden Health Care Auxiliary member John Fortune gets a hand from Hyland Crest employee Janet Donnery as he demonstrates one of the new sling lifts the auxiliary recently purchased for the longterm care facility. It is used to help lift residents in to the bathtub.

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# \$3.5 million to be spent on school renos

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter



## ASES to get \$15,000 for duct work

The county's schools will be receiving hundreds of thousands of dollars in renovations this year.

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board's 2010-2011 school facility renewal budget was approved at a Feb. 8 committee-of-the-whole meeting and will see some \$450,000 worth of improvements done at schools within Haliburton County.

Archie Stouffer Elementary School will have duct work re-insulated for \$15,000.

In Cardiff, the elementary school will get new flooring worth \$8,500 and new ceilings and lights for \$60,000. JDH Elementary School will be the county's biggest recipient and receive \$120,000 for new walls and doors, \$15,000 for new flooring and \$150,000 to renovate washrooms.

Wilberforce Elementary School will get a new ramp at its front entrance for \$5,000, a fence replaced for \$5,000 and ceiling and lighting work for \$15,000. Haliburton Highlands Secondary School will have its gym floor refurbished for \$20,000, windows replaced for \$35,000 and get \$12,500 worth of new flooring.

Throughout its jurisdiction, the school board is spending more than \$3.5 million on renovations this year.

Renovations are likely to begin during the summer.

Before it is official, the budget must be ratified at the next board meeting.



**District director speaks to horticultural society**

The Minden and District Horticultural Society held its first meeting of the year on Saturday, Feb. 5 at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Minden. The guest speaker was Beryl Harris, the district director of the Ontario Horticultural Association. Harris is a Master Gardener and holds a master's degree in horticulture from the University of Guelph. She's an Ontario Horticulture Association judge and a creative design judge. She also teaches courses at the Peterborough environmental garden and has her own regular newspaper column. The group enjoyed her many helpful gardening hints and advice. The next regular meeting of the society will be on March 1 at 1 p.m. at the Minden Community Centre. **Susan Sheehan** Special to the Times

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# Sport keeps master skier youthful

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

It's like turning back the clock.

When Risto Santala talks about Nordic skiing his eyes light up like a child on Christmas Eve.

The 71-year-old is anxious to compete in the upcoming Masters World Cup hosted by the Sovereign Lake Nordic Centre in Vernon, British Columbia from March 3 to 11.

It makes him feel young to ski and compete.

This fact is as plain as the snow around his home, complete with a cross-country loop he uses to get in a few kilometres when he cannot get out to the groomed trails.

The Masters event is a spectacle to behold.

With a mass start and 20 start lanes wide for each race, the energy from the field and the spectators will be palpable.

The race is expected to draw more than 1,000 athletes, coming from some 22 countries, including former Olympians and world champions so the field is more than high, it's downright ferocious.

However, Santala – a strong competitor in his own right as a former Canadian National Nordic Ski member – encourages recreational Nordic skiers to enter since there isn't a qualifier for the Masters, and the experience of competing is unforgettable.

Anyone over the age of 30 is eligible.

His participation in the event since the 1980s has taken him all over the world, displayed in the 18 x 24 framed photos of him racing that adorn his wall, opposite a glass case, brimming with trophies, lying below smaller framed photos and medals hanging, 10 and 20 deep from other master events and competitions.

He matter-of-factly remarks there is only room for medals, which are awarded to competitors in the masters' event.

Throughout the year, even in the spring and summer when he runs, Santala is training, logging several thousand kilometres on land and snow.

Besides the miles, the grandfather with a welcoming countenance is quick to point out that it is equally important to not log miles, as recovery is necessary. A key component to his training is rest, particularly before a competition like the Masters, which will demand three days of racing distances 15 km, 10 km and 30 km on separate days, two days of rest between.

Santala of Minden is originally of Finland and was born in 1959.

Growing up in Scandinavia, the 70-year-old remembers learning how to Nordic ski when he was two years old.

Santala's raced all his life, starting formally at the age of seven in Finland.

He later moved to neighbouring Sweden and raced as a junior in adolescence and in his teens.

When he moved to Canada with his parents at 19 his passion for Nordic skiing continued.

Through the 1970s and 1980s he was on



Above, Risto Santala of Minden is going to be competing in the upcoming Masters World Cup in Vernon, British Columbia from March 3 to 11. There will be more than 1,000 competitors from 22 countries competing.

Left, Risto Santala charges up a slight incline on the track he has behind his house in Minden.

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**Santala's raced all his life, starting formally at the age of seven in Finland.**

**When he moved to Canada ... his passion for Nordic skiing continued.**

the Canadian National Nordic Ski team.

Now retired with three grown children and three grandchildren, Santala continues to compete in Nordic skiing and draws inspiration when he visits his daughter and logs a few kilometres with this grandson.

He primarily races classic at the Masters, but competed in classic and skate at the recent Ontario Masters where he won in his age and category.

His best finish was a third place at the Masters when it was hosted in Wisconsin, United States in 1983. He equaled this placing in the men's team relay.

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# Hawks swoop down on Griffins in basketball

The following sports briefs were compiled by Judi Paul's HHSS class.

## Friday, Feb. 4; Saturday, Feb. 5 and Sunday, Feb. 6

The senior boys' basketball team convincingly defeated the Gravenhurst Griffins by a 47-13 score.

Luke Watson led all scorers with 16 points, six rebounds, and five steals, Jesse Lefebvre had eight points and 10 rebounds, and Chris Allison had six points and eight steals.

The senior girls' volleyball team travelled to Barrie to compete in a tournament at Eastview Secondary School where they pro-

ceeded to the bronze playoff bracket.

The team defeated Huntsville, winning each set by two points, then earned 25-26 and 25-14 victories over Banting to become the bronze champions.

The boys' Red Hawks curling team of Jesse Walker, Owen Duhaime, Mike Mazara, Tyler Warham, and Shawn Kadwell won the Gore School Boy Regionals and has advanced to the provincials in Ottawa.

At the provincial wrestling championships, seven Red Hawks wrestlers competed against 550 wrestlers from across the province.

Bailey Walker placed sixth and Zane Zondervan placed fifth. Special congratu-

lations to Kayla Gardiner who earned the bronze medal with five wins and one loss to the eventual champion.

## Monday, Feb. 7

The Lady Hawk Hockey team travelled to Peterborough to take on the Griffins and came back with a 3-2 win. Scoring for Haliburton was Megan Allore (2) and Julia Fedeski. Strong effort in goal from Jillian Mayhew.

## Tuesday, Feb. 8

The boys' Red Hawks hockey team improved their regular season record to nine wins and no losses by defeating Thomas A. Stewart by a score of 6-1.

The senior girls' volleyball team competed in the Kawartha Qualifying tournament at Cobourg East where five wins against Clarke, Campbellford, Cobourg West, St. Mary's and Brock and just two losses to Cobourg East and Port Hope enabled them to qualify for the upcoming Kawartha Championship.

The junior boys' basketball team defeated the Brock Bulldogs with a convincing 58-26 victory. Nate Feir, Louis Ferracuti, and Zack Cox scored 16, 14, and 12 points respectively.

The senior boys' basketball team defeated Brock by a 67-30 score. Luke Watson had

20 points, Jesse Lefebvre had 12 points (two slam dunks!), Jesse Walker scored 10 points, and Damon Flatman had 10 points.

## Wednesday, Feb. 9

The Nordic ski team competed in Lakefield where top finishers included Jillian Mayhew (second Novice Girls), Lindsey Pogue (third Novice Girls), and Josh Wright fifth in a very competitive senior boys' category.

## Thursday, Feb. 10

The boys' Red Hawk hockey team defeated the Thomas A. Stewart Griffins by a score of 6-2 to put the team's record at 10 wins and no losses in league play.

The junior boys' basketball team defeated the powerhouse I.E. Weldon Wildcats by a score of 34-31. Zack Cox led all HHSS scorers with 12 points, Nate Feir and Tanner Ballantyne had nine each, and Louis Ferracuti and Preston Roberts finished out the scoring.

The junior girls' volleyball team defeated teams from St. Thomas, Brock, Port Hope, Cobourg East, and Campbellford and suffered just two losses to St. Mary's and Cobourg West as they qualified for the upcoming Kawartha championship.



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# Athlete profiles

## District 11 Winterfest 2011



### Duplicate Bridge



**Linda Cherry**

Boshkung Lake resident Linda Cherry, 67, has been playing duplicate bridge for 10 years. She first learned to play in Toronto. While she's never won a medal before, Cherry's best performance in the qualifying rounds for Winterfest, has enabled her to compete in what she describes as, "an exciting competition!"



**Joan Galley**

Haliburton resident Joan Galley, 76, is a real "sport." With 30 years under her belt as a duplicate bridge player, she was back playing just two weeks after experiencing a stroke during her first hand at Winterfest 2009. She's won first place several times in local games and claims it keeps her mind sharp.



**Bruce Armstrong**

Bruce Armstrong, 89, has been playing duplicate bridge since 1985. A Haliburton resident, he learned to play at the old drop-in centre where Community Care now stands. A competitor in Actifest Ontario Senior Games and local competitions, Armstrong has won ribbons in a variety of sports. Best performance: second place in Haliburton Senior Games 2010, for duplicate bridge.



**Gordon Cochrane**

Gord Cochrane, 66, is a newbie to duplicate bridge, relearning the game two years ago in Haliburton, having last played seriously as a teenager. "Duplicate bridge is a wonderful game because it really stretches the brain," Cochrane said. Holding dual-citizenship, Cochrane lives half the year in a suburb of Chicago and half in the Highlands.



### Table Tennis

**Hans Walter**

Minden resident, Hans Walter, 61, has been an avid table tennis player since learning the sport in Germany where he competed well into his teens. Holidays often find him in casual competitions with his best performance in "singles" winning top honours. Winterfest is his first competition in Canada.

**Nuriya Kohanova**

Minden resident Nuriya Kohanova, learned to play table tennis as a teen in Kazakhstan. A partner in life with her partner in sport, Hans Walter, she has been practising at home in anticipation of her first competition in Canada - Winterfest!



### Prediction Skate

**Ron Barr**

Irondale resident Ron Barr, 72, has been skating since his teens. A 22-year board member of the Haliburton/Muskoka Senior Games, he has been both convener and competitor for the past five years. Barr won gold for prediction skating finishing within 38 seconds of his 3-km prediction skate.

**Elaine Anderson**

Wilberforce resident, Elaine Anderson is a self-taught skater who looks to Olympic athletes for inspiration. A third-place medalist in bid euchre in the 2008 seniors' summer games, Anderson also competed in 2010 in prediction walking. She is excited about competing in the prediction skate event at Winterfest for the first time.

### Nordic Time Trial 75+



**Peter Brogden**

Maple Lake resident, Peter Brogden, 76, began back-country skiing in 1966 in Gatineau Park, Ottawa. A gold medalist at Winterfest 2000 for Prediction Skiing, Brogden recounts: "With little snow to ski on people were shoveling under our skis as we were skiing." This year he will compete in Nordic Time Trial 75+.



### Curling



**Jack Taylor**

Minden resident and skip, Jack Taylor, a curler for 15 of his 70 years, hopes to make "a good showing" at Winterfest. Active in numerous bonspiels, his team came in first place overall in Oshawa and Port Parry in 2008. A member of the Minden Seniors Curling Club, Taylor's best performance was the play-downs against Haliburton for the Winterfest games. See team on pg. 12.



# Athlete profiles

## District 11 Winterfest 2011



### Nordic Prediction Skiing 55+



**Jack Cox**

Jack Cox, 79, Haliburton resident and member of the Haliburton Nordic Ski Club since 1980, (and past club president), is a self-taught skier. Having competed in District Senior Winter Games from 2000 to 2007, Cox is excited about making it to Winterfest for the first time! His best performance is five kilometres in 41 minutes.



**Margaret Brogden**

A resident of Maple Lake, Margaret Brogden, 75, learned to ski in 1966 in Gatineau Park, Ottawa. She joins her husband, Peter, as a gold medalist at Winterfest 2000 for Prediction Skiing. This will be her second major competition.



**Sheila Ziman**

Sheila Ziman, 61, who makes her home near Maple Lake, has been cross-country skiing for over 40 years. Self-taught with a stint of lessons at Mount Saint Anne in Quebec, her most accurate prediction to date was moving to the country. Now, a resident of Haliburton, Ziman will compete for the first time in prediction skiing.



**Pauline Plooard**

Minden resident, Pauline Plooard, 68, has been cross-country skiing for 40 years. A competitor in the Ontario Senior Winter Games in 2004 and 2006, her best performance is within two minutes of the predicted time.



Profiles  
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Jerelyn Craden

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### Alpine Skiing



**Doris Pierson**

Doris Pierson, 80, will be competing where she usually practises at Sir Sam's ski hill, directly across from her Eagle Lake residence. Self-taught at 13, Pierson holds a Level 2 Canadian Ski Instructors Alliance certificate. Having won gold, silver and bronze in Sir Sam's Sunday Challenge, her best time: 30 seconds.



**Victor Ettel**

Soyers Lake resident Victor Ettel, 73, learned to ski when he was six in the Czech Republic where he won the National championship for downhill racing at age 17. Having competed with younger downhill skiers in Sir Sam's Challenge, he finished first, twice in Category 45+, and is proud of it!



**Bill Lithgow**

Bill Lithgow, 55, has been skiing for 40 years. Originally self-taught, this Minden resident holds a Level 3 ski instructor certificate. A first-time competitor in the Winterfest Senior Games, Lithgow will be competing on the same hill where he teaches. His fastest time there: 23 to 30 seconds.



# Athlete profiles

## District 11 Winterfest 2011



### Curling team

The team members, from left, are Winn Taylor (lead), Steve Robson (second), Audrey Robson (vice) and Jack Taylor (skip). The team represent the Minden Curling Club.

### Hockey 55+ team

From left to right  
Rear row standing  
Dave Dollo, Ian Wilson, Ted Vasey, Gary Burtch, Jurrie Hoakstra, Steve Roberts, Bob Woodcock, Ray Luck.

Front row, kneeling,  
Bev Hicks, Rick Wood, Ron Strype, George Porter, Jim Winn, Larry Kent, Darrel Stamp.

Absent: Brian Sacks, Greg Ross.



### Hockey 65+ team

From the left in the back row: Frank Powers, Ron May, Gary Brohman, Blair Johnston, Larry Kalynuk, Chuck Sneath, Paul Cunningham.  
From the left in the front row: Norris Turner, Sherdon Kellett, Jim Hinkson, Neil Cutler, Ron Earle and Grant Clayton.  
Absent: Bill Watson, Leroy Mowat, Glen Smith, Wayne Hogaboam.



# Senior games covered like never before

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

Haliburton County is bringing the Ontario Senior Winter Games into the new millennium.

These games are expected to be the most connected and most documented of all the games since they were first held in 1986.

Mike Jaycock, who is a co-chair of marketing and communications for the games' with Amy Brohm, said there is going to be information available through the games' main website and updates through Twitter approximately an hour after events, including thousands of images taken by a team of photographers, who will have images posted to the photo sharing website Flickr.

This will give a picture of the games unlike anything that has ever been recorded, he said.

As a result of the Bell Canada sponsorship, these games will be the most connected with more than 30 mobile telephones made available to the games, which were given to volunteers stationed at all the events.

This will enable up-to-date event postings for the main website and include tweets through its Twitter account.

"As soon as a gold medal game is complete the information can be called in," he said.

There will be a team of close to 15 people at the games' office in Haliburton posting information about the games, including its webmaster Andy Mosher.

He said the public could expect update postings to end 30 minutes before an evening event.

As far as contingency plans, Jaycock said past games and information provided by the Sport Alliance of Ontario organization that supports sporting events such as Ontario

Games were like a "road map" to follow in order to avoid any potential problems.

He and the team are confident, but said if a problem is to occur they are ready to resolve it.

The Highland Media Arts team will document the entire event and present their finished video, complete with commentary, at the closing night ceremonies.

It's expected this video will be available free on DVD after the games.

For the first time ever the organizers of Winterfest will use Flickr to document the three-day event that celebrates athletic excellence for seniors.

The photographers, who vary from professional to serious amateur, are excited about their opportunity to document the event and to contribute to their community.

"It allows you to practise your hobby while contributing to the community at the same

time. It's a unique circumstance," said Kim Emmerson.

This is not only the first time he has photographed an alpine event, but an event of this magnitude. Emmerson, who is the webmaster of the Rotary Club of Haliburton, has advanced his photography skills in the past four years.

Like the more than 300 volunteers for the games Emmerson and the other photographers will be wearing a red scarf with the games' logo.

Jaycock said some of the photos, which will be organized by sport and the photographer, will be expected to be up the Friday following the games. With at least eight photographers on their roster, there is a high likelihood that there will be a few thousand images available for free when everything is scheduled to be posted on Feb. 28.

## What do the games mean to Haliburton County's economy?

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

The Winterfest organizing committee is trying to gauge how much money this week's games bring into Haliburton County.

A number of the games' 800 participants will be surveyed using the Sport Tourism Economic Assessment Model (STEAM), a project of the Canadian Sport Tourism Alliance.

Surveys, done on small, handheld electronic devices, will be completed by athletes in Haliburton, Minden and Wilberforce.

"Where did you buy gas? Where did you stay?" said games manager Myke Malone, rhyming off some of the types of questions



**A number of the games' participants will be surveyed.**

involved in the survey.

Malone, who also organized the 2010 Ontario Youth Winter Games in Muskoka, said STEAM surveys had been conducted there as

well and that, as far as the games' economic impacts was concerned, "our estimates came pretty close."

Malone said the estimated economic impact for the county from this week's three-day event is approximately \$850,000.

A large portion of that - \$600,000 - came from the committee's own budget, which

it spent in numerous ways from the locally made medals, to signage, to food and accommodation.

"So that's definite," Malone said.

He estimates athletes and their entourages will spend about \$250,000 in the county this week. It will likely take four to six weeks to receive the results of the survey.



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# Government focused on jobs, balanced budget

As we approach March 31, the end of the federal government's fiscal year, Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Finance Minister Jim Flaherty have launched broad economic consultations to seek Canadians' views on what should be included in the next phase of Canada's Economic Action Plan.

As we all know, the economic recovery in Canada (and around the world) remains fragile and many Canadians remain concerned about the economy, jobs and their household budgets.

That is why your Conservative government's No. 1 priority remains the economy and we continue to be focused on creating jobs and supporting families.

Given that the United States buys more than 75 per cent of our exports, their economic performance over the coming years is of particular importance to all Canadians.

Launched in 2009, the Economic Action Plan has so far contributed to creating more than 420,000 new jobs and helped the country emerge from the global economic crisis faster and stronger than other major industrial countries.

It should be noted that both the International Monetary Fund and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development have projected that Canada will lead the G7 in growth over the next two years.

One way in which we intend to lead the world is by continuing to reduce taxes for job creators.

Our goal is to have the lowest tax rate for new business investment in the G7 – and we are close to achieving it.

We will continue to deliver the stability and opportunities needed for the economic well-being of families, small business owners and entrepreneurs by controlling spending, cutting the deficit, eliminating waste and keeping taxes low.

Here in the riding, I have been listening to people across Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock about their ideas for the next phase of our Economic Action Plan.

I've met with local heads of council, members of the business community, and individual citizens to get as many different views and ideas of our long term Eco-



**Barry Devolin**  
MP Haliburton-  
Kawartha Lakes-  
Brock

nomic Action Plan as I can.

My sense is that many people appreciate the fact that Canada has managed to avoid much of the hardship felt in other countries, but they remain wary that global economic forces could bring more challenges to our shores in the future.

Turning our fragile economic recovery into enduring and robust performance over the longer term will also mean taking further steps to hone our competi-

tive edge.

This means building on our efforts to attract foreign investment, opening up new markets and opportunities for Canadian businesses and laying the foundation for long-term sustainable jobs.

Going forward, our government will keep its focus on jobs and growth as we work towards a budget that will keep our recovery on track while bringing the budget back to balance by 2015/2016.

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# Grammys provide old school entertainment at the old farmhouse



**Patti Fleury**  
Around the Town

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Age was certainly a factor here at the old farmhouse on Sunday night while the Grammy Awards took over the TV.

I sang along with Bob Dylan and managed to stay awake for Mick Jagger's prancing while straining for the occasional glimpse of veteran Neil Young in the audience.

Although a great night for the "ladies," Lady Gaga and Lady Antebellum combined their talents for a total of eight awards, youth may not have been on the side of Canada's Justin Bieber who came away empty handed.

All is not lost.

His new movie release made \$30 million over the week-

end and time is much on his side.

In the meantime perhaps Stratford, Ont. can still boast of the Bard of Avon as its greatest stage attraction.

The slogan Shop Locally deserves much more than just lip service.

Tom and Susan Lang have come up with a great new promotion.

At their Freshmart, a full service grocery store open seven days a week, everyone saves 10 per cent on Tuesdays off all purchases excluding tobacco.

In addition, Seniors Fridays offer those customers over 60 years a 10 per cent saving on all purchases except tobacco.

These discounts apply to purchases totaling \$10 or more and the selection at Freshmart includes President's Choice items. Tom and Sue have given much to this community and here is yet another plus for our residents.

For those who are interested in the history of the railway and its critical role in the growth of early communities the Friends of the Rail Trail invite you to a screening of *Two Short Films on the Railway Days* in Haliburton this Thursday, Feb. 17 at the Rails End Gallery, 23 York Street, Haliburton Village.

Doors open at 7 p.m. with admission by donation.

This single DVD with its incredible historical footage and fascinating interviews is a great addition to your viewing library and can be purchased at the event and also at the Kinmount Artisans marketplace.

For more information please give Pamela a call at 705-457-4767.

Speaking of stocking up libraries plan to head out on Saturday, Feb. 19 to the Kinmount Library for the monthly book sale sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

There are super bargains to be found on the lower level of the branch from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Along with its many quality programs the branch is offering ongoing computer sessions for adults and has also added workshops for children during the March school break. Librarian MaryAnne Dobsi can bring you up to date so do call her at 705-488-3199.

The Kinmount and Area Artisans Guild will hold its annual general meeting for the year 2010 on Sunday, Feb. 27 at the Kinmount Community Centre with a 2 p.m. start time. All members are urged to attend this important information exchange.

Mark your March calendar now for some worthy events in support of valued community programs. Circle Saturday, March 5 for the Kinmount Gazette and Victoria Pony Club annual dinner and loonie auction at the Galway Hall.

For advance tickets call 705-488-2547.

On March 8, in celebration of Pancake Tuesday, the Kinmount and District Lions Club will host a Pancake Supper at the Kinmount Community Centre. Admission is by donation with proceeds going to the Kinmount Playschool.

Did you know that the third week of February is designated Heritage Week in Canada and a time to celebrate our country's heritage?

The Township of Galway-Cavendish and Harvey will be holding a Heritage Day on Saturday, Feb. 19 at the Buckhorn Community Centre with the Harvey Historical Society participating.

Guy Scott will be very involved in this event and he tells me that this weekend representatives from the Kinmount Agricultural Society will be travelling to Toronto for the annual convention of Societies from across the province.

One pleasant task while there is to book the entertainment

for this year's Kinmount Fair on Labour Day weekend. Can spring really be too far off?

Until next week...



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The following **QUOTE, TENDER and REGISTRATION** forms will be available after **Wednesday Feb 9, 2011**. Submissions must be received no later than **Thursday March 3rd at 1:00pm.**

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- **Aggregate Material List with prices**
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## Notices

### THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING DATE: February 28, 2011  
PLACE AND ADDRESS: Municipal Council Chambers  
7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario. TIME: 1:30 p.m.

In the matter of Section 45 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended and in the matter of Zoning By-law Nos. 06-10 as amended.

File No. MV A26/2010, Part Lot 13, Concession 1, Township of Minden, Canning Lake,

**Applicant:** SAUNDERS: Cindy (Greg Bishop, Agent) 1734 Bat Lake Road

**Purpose:** The applicant is proposing to demolish an existing dwelling unit and reconstruct one using the same footprint together with an addition to the rear. It is considered legal non-complying and the following variances are required for property in the Shoreline Residential (SR) Zone:

1. From Section 4.7.4 (i) - To increase the lot coverage by 2.3% over the amount allowed.
2. From Section 4.7.4 (ii) - To recognize the existing dwelling is located 7.9m (26') from the normal high water mark.
3. From Section 4.7.4 (v) - To increase the coverage of the legally non-complying building by 19.4% more than permitted.

File No. MV A27/2010, Part Lot 12, Concession 13, Township of Minden, Little Boshkung Lake,

**Applicant:** David KURTZ and Irena KRIZMANIC - 1064 Crest Drive

**Purpose:** The applicant's are proposing to remove an existing legal non-complying building located 12m (39.3") from the normal high water mark and rebuilding a larger one with an attached garage. The new building will be 16m (52.5') from the normal high water mark. The following variances are requested for property in the Shoreline Residential (SR) Zone:

1. From Section 5.2, Table 2 - Buildings in a Shoreline Residential (SR) zone are to be constructed 23m (75.45') from the normal high water mark. A variance of 7m (23') is required.
2. From Section 4.7.4 (ii) to increase the height of the building by 1.52m (5') more than permitted
3. From Section 4.7.4 (v) to increase the coverage of the legal non-complying building by 341% more than permitted. (includes the attached garage)

File No. MV A01/2011, Part Lot 23, Concession 4, Township of Minden, Kashagawigamog Lake,

**Applicant:** Howard & Olga MARK (Greg Bishop, Agent) 1007 Minaki Lane

**Purpose:** The applicant's are proposing to remove an existing legal non-complying cottage that is constructed 18.29m (60') from the normal high water mark and build a larger one with an attached garage that will be located 21.64m (71') from the normal high water mark. The following variances are required:

1. From Section 5.2 Table 2 - Buildings in a Shoreline Residential (SR) are to be constructed 23m (75.45') from the normal high water mark. A variance of 1.36m (4.46') is required.
2. From Section 4.7.4 (iii) to increase the height of the new building by 2.45m (8.04') more than permitted.
3. From Section 4.7.4 (v) to increase the legal non-complying building by 211% more than permitted. (includes the attached garage)

File No. MV A02/2011, Part Lot 8, Concession 1, Township of Anson, Big Bob Lake

**Applicant:** Anne & George ENGLAND (Bob Vaughan, Agent) 1251 Trellis trail

**Purpose:** The applicant's are proposing to construct a sleeping cabin 14.9m (49') from the normal high water mark. Accessory buildings are permitted in the Shoreline Residential (SR) Zone in accordance with Section 4.1.13. This building is proposed to be constructed approximately 14.9m (49') from the normal high water mark, and not in front of the principal dwelling. The following variances are required:

1. From Section 4.1.13 to construct an accessory building 14.9m (49') from the normal high water mark. A cabin is required to meet the yard and setback requirements of the zone and not located in front of the principal dwelling. A variance of 7.9m (26') is requested.

**ANY PERSON** may attend the public hearing and/or make written comments to the Township of Minden Hills either in support of, or in opposition to the proposed minor variance.

**NOTICE OF DECISION** - A copy of the decision of the Committee will be sent to the applicant and to each person who appeared in person or by counsel at the public hearing and who has filed with the secretary-treasurer, a written request for notice of the decision.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** regarding this application will be available for public inspection until noon on the day of the meeting at the Building and Planning Department for the Township of Minden Hills, at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.

Dated this 16th day of February, 2011.

Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM, ACST

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Committee of Adjustment



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## CarQuest bonspiel draws 64 curlers

The CarQuest Senior Men's Invitational Bonspiel attracted curlers from eight different curling clubs in Central Ontario.

The 64 curlers representing 16 teams enjoyed keen competition. At the end of the day the Murray Cooper team from Minden took the trophy.

The Minden Curling Club and all who participated would like to thank the CarQuest of Minden owners Andy and Christa Rickard for sponsoring this event.

*Submitted by Gord Sheehan*

From left, Ross Petch, Bert Kennedy, Murray Cooper and Iain Kay proudly display the Minden Carquest bonspiel trophy. **Gord Sheehan** Special to the Times

# Dorset Snowball kicks off with Hillbilly pancakes



**Melissa Alfano**

Dorset News

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If anyone is interested in joining a TOPS group (Taking off Pounds Sensibly), please give Lori a call at 705-766-2745. Lori would like to get TOPS going in Dorset and needs a minimum of four people to sign up. The tentative time would be Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Give Lori a call for more information.

Don't miss the fun at the 21st annual Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival taking place this weekend, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18 and 19, 2011.

The event starts off Friday at 6 p.m. with a family skating party complete with KJ Chris providing music and a light show and hot dogs and hot chocolate by the Dorset Recreation Committee (donations appreciated).

Saturday's events kick off with the Muskoka Shrine Club Hillbilly Unit pancake breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Events, too many to mention continue through out the day. Have a look at [www.dorsetsnowball.com](http://www.dorsetsnowball.com), pick up a brochure at the recreation centre for a complete list of events and activities or call 705-766-9968 for more information.

Employment Services with the YMCA of Huntsville are being offered at the Dorset Recreation Centre the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with the next visit being Tuesday, Feb. 22.

Services include things like resume and cover letter assistance, job search advice, career coaching, job matching and placement and workshops will be available on a pre-registration basis.

Resources are available at all times during open hours of the Recreation Centre. For more information, please email [huntsvilleerc@ymca.ca](mailto:huntsvilleerc@ymca.ca) or call 705-787-0349.

The Dorset Lions Club cordially invites all Seniors of Dorset (age 55 and up) to a complimentary dinner on February 23, 2011 starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. For more information or to make a reservation, please give Steve a call at 705-766-2469.

Local Stewardship coordinators Trevor Griffin and Nicole Tuyten will be presenting a day long workshop on Maple Syrup Operations and Opportunities on Friday, Feb. 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre.

This workshop is ideal for both the backyard and small commercial operator or for those looking to expand their current production.

Participants will learn from local producers, equipment suppliers and forest management experts the latest information on managing and producing your maple syrup, how to set up and explore what is new on the market.

Following a pancake and sausage lunch with local maple

syrup, join in for the afternoon field trip to visit a 1200 tap family sugar bush operation. Pre-registration is required and the cost is \$25 per person. For more information, contact Trevor at 705-646-5519 or Nicole at 705-286-5206.

Birthday wishes for the week of Feb. 13 to 19 go out to Kyle Jones, Sarina McKey, Lisa Dunn, Lindsey Dunn and Jordyn Nash.

For all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at [melalfano@hotmail.com](mailto:melalfano@hotmail.com) or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

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### The County of Haliburton



#### NOTICE

The Council of the County of Haliburton will be discussing the draft 2011 budget at their regularly scheduled Council meeting on **Wednesday, February 23, 2011** in the County Council Chambers at **11 Newcastle St., Minden.** At this time Council will also review the **County Fee Bylaw**. The public is invited to attend.





### Killer coyote?

Richard Bradley submitted this photo of a coyote near the hill known as Mount Minden. Last month, a coyote killed at least one cat in the area.



### Living at the landfill

Above: Guenter Horst snapped this image of a golden eagle near the landfill at Maple Lake. Right: Horst also submitted this image of deer scrounging for food at the Scotch Line landfill.



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# A look at life behind the wheel

**Annette McLeod**  
QMI Agency

I think every auto journalist has heard more than once that "it must be nice." And it is. Writing about cars for a living is a gift. In it now for more than a decade, I don't regret a moment I've spent at it.

The reality of being an auto writer is both as great as you think it is, and more frustrating than you can imagine.

There are times when the job entails flying to a warm, pretty place, staying in a nice hotel, eating gourmet meals, and driving brand new vehicles along oceanside roads and through mountain passes because the manufacturer wants you to be both familiar with and predisposed to like its latest offering. You know you're duty-bound to give readers the truth, with the reputation of your outlet and your personal credibility at stake, so you look past the lovely hotel lobby and the surrounding views, and picture yourself driving the car in your own suburban neighbourhood, where a typical outing involves picking up your kid and dropping off your dry cleaning.

But I'm human, so sometimes things do colour my vision. A couple of weeks ago, I found myself becoming frustrated with a certain manufacturer because its PR rep wasn't returning my calls. For a moment, I mentally took it out

on his car. But as a professional, you learn to put it aside, just as you do the fancy press trips (which aren't as fancy as they used to be anyway).

Although healthy enough, my ego is not of sufficient size to overtake my common sense, but there are a few writers around who think it's all about them, to the point of pitching hissy fits if they don't fly first class and making demanding, obnoxious phone calls if they're not invited on the plumiest press junkets.

Then you have a day that brings it all into perspective, like the one I had last week in which I drove an hour in crappy weather to a manufacturer to drop off a press car, only to find that I had forgotten the keys to my own car (which was parked in their lot) at home, so I had to drive two hours round trip to fetch them. Then I drove half an hour from that manufacturer to another manufacturer to pick up my next car, only to discover that I had left my Blackberry in the first car. All in all, I spent five hours driving around in the snow that day.

There are times when you sit down to write a review (or a column for that matter) and the words flow almost without effort, and other times you can labour over a lead paragraph until you're ready to smash your laptop into shrapnel and take up knitting.

It's the best of times and the worst of times.  
For more auto news go to [www.autonet.ca](http://www.autonet.ca).

## Coming Events



**Please join us for a fundraiser on**  
**Sunday, February 27, 2011**  
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**to the  Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at: [www.haliburtonecho.ca](http://www.haliburtonecho.ca)**

• **February 16: International Speech Contest:** 7pm at The Minden United Church For more information contact Audrey Roberts @ 705- 447-2519

• **February 17, HALIBURTON: Meet the Nurse,** 10 am to noon, Ontario Early Years Centre (83 Maple Ave., Halco Plaza, lower level) in Haliburton. Parents with children up to age six years can meet with a Public Health Nurse. The nurse can weigh the baby, provide breastfeeding support, screen for speech concerns and discuss infant care, growth and development and other parental concerns. Call (705) 457-1391 for more information.

• **February 17: Top 10 RRRS Tips:** The Minden Branch of the Haliburton Public Library presents a series of financial Planning Workshops beginning at 6:30pm Pre-register for these free sessions by calling 705-457-2241

• **February 18: Shepherd's Table Community Supper** will be served at the Lakeside Baptist Church in Haliburton at 5:30. Starting in March, Shepherd's Table will take place twice monthly, on the first and third Friday of each month!

• **February 18 Children's Learning Centre 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Hockey Fundraiser-** Located at the Minden Arena at 7:00 p.m. The Chicks with Sticks vs The Haliburton Highlands O.P.P Admission: Adult \$5.00 Children 5+ \$3.00 preschoolers FREE. We will have lots of raffle items available! Come join the fun! For more information, please call us at 705-286-4074

• **February 19: 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival:** starting at 8:30am with the Muskoka Shrine Club Hillbilly Pancake Breakfast. Plenty of indoor & outdoor events for more information check out [www.dorestsnowball.com](http://www.dorestsnowball.com)

• **February 19: Valentines Concert** 7pm located at the Maple Lake United Church (Hwy 118@ Stanhope Airport Road) featuring local talent- Free will offering at the door. For more information contact Ev at 705-457-3972

• **February 19: Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Poker Run** \$50 per person all proceeds to Haliburton Volunteer Fire Department. For more information call 705-754-2198 or visit [www.haliburtonforest.com](http://www.haliburtonforest.com)

• **February 22: Volunteer Income Tax:** at the Haliburton Legion Every Tuesday starting at 9am to 2pm ending Tuesday April 19. for more information contact Marlene Watson @ 705-448-2266

• **February 23<sup>rd</sup> 1:30 p.m. The Haliburton County Historical Society Presents:** Bill Beattie & Julia Roberston Topic: "Stories my Grandparents told me" located at the Maple Lake United Church, Stanhope Airport Rd. & Highway. 118

• **February 23: Volunteer Income Tax:** Every Wednesday located at the Wilberforce Legion from 2pm to 3:30pm ending Wednesday April. 20 for more information contact Marlene Watson @ 705-448-2266

• **February 24: PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE:** Person directed planning workshop, assisiting individuals with a developmental disability to achieve their dream of a good life. Located in the Kinmount Public Library 4pm for more information contact 705-749-6681

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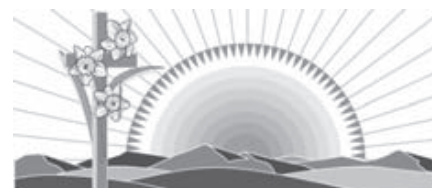
Cherwenka, (Chambers, nee Kruger) Isabella (Isabel) Albertina, formerly of Pembroke, Toronto, Minden, and most recently Tottenham, in her eighty seventh year, passed away peacefully in her sleep at The Stevenson Memorial Hospital in Alliston on February 4th 2011.

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## Deaths

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# Storm Bantam B girls beat Clearview 2-1

This weekend the Highland Storm Bantam B girls travelled to Barrie and Clearview to start their provincial play-downs.

In the single game round robin format the Storm girls played their first game against the Barrie Sharks on the road Saturday afternoon. The game was a tightly checked and contested battle. The only goal of the game was scored by Jamie Little on a shot tucked into the corner of the net from the point in the second period.

The girls battled defensively the entire game to keep the Sharks off the score sheet. Connor Marsden made many stops, but two stellar saves solidified the win. The shutout was her 16th shutout (her favourite number) of the season (in league, tournament and now provincial play-down play).

On Sunday the Minden Car Quest Bantam B girls made another road trip to take on the Clearview Ice Cats. The girls jumped out to an early lead with a short-handed goal by Erin Little who pulled the trigger beating the goalie low with a “wrist” off a Ice Cat turnover. Clearview battled back tying the score with a power play goal midway through the first period. The Storm girls fought back and pulled ahead 2-1 with Erin Little’s dynamite rush late in the first period. The Storm held off the aggressive Ice Cats squad off the score sheet the next two periods. The newly recategorized Bantam B Highland Storm squad battled hard to preserve the 2-1 win, especially with the third period surge by the Clearview team.

Great weekend girls to start our provincial play-downs at the B level ... your hard work and commitment to a game plan is paying off. Stay focused!

The Storm girls continue their provincial play-downs Thursday night Feb. 17 at 7:30 in the Haliburton Barn against the Orillia Hawks.

The team wraps up their play-downs on Saturday the 27th at 5 p.m. in Wilberforce against North Simcoe.

*Submitted by Dan Marsden*

## Atom AEs come back to lead Newcastle 2-1

Final Scores: 3-2 and 4-1 wins over Newcastle. The Storm now lead the best of give, two games to one.

Next Games: Saturday, Feb. 19 at 4:30 p.m. in Newcastle and Sunday, Feb. 20 at 2:30 p.m. in Minden if necessary.

After starting the best of five series down a game, our nine and ten year old boys were faced with the prospect of their season coming to an end this weekend if they weren’t able to find the resiliency required to come back against a very good Newcastle squad.

And whatever Coach Jarrett Campbell and his assistants Jordan Joanu and Derek Nesbitt said to the boys before the game on Saturday sure got them to believe they could come back from the moment the puck dropped!

It was like watching a different team as each person on the squad fought for every inch of ice and pushed hard for the puck. Trevor Turner got the team rolling in the first period as he jammed the puck in off a shot by Jesse Sisson. But Newcastle kept coming and tied the score in the second. Ben Schmidt grabbed the lead back for our team on a beautiful wrister, high side, that was assisted by Matthew Manning and then Trevor made it 3-1 in the third on a set-up by Alex Petrie. Shawn Walker also assisted on what was to prove to be the game winner.

This gave them the confidence they needed for Sunday’s game in Haliburton as they came out again to score the first goal of the game. Ben Schmidt scored his first of three goals on the night with an assist coming from Ryan Prentice. Newcastle were the better team for much of the second period though and if not for Carson Sisson’s continued stellar play in net, this game may have ended much differently.

Carson made several key saves in close but Newcastle were able to tie it on a scramble play in front. But with only three seconds left in the second, Aiden Garbutt’s shot from the point found it’s way to the back of the net and the boys carried the lead into the third that they would not surrender. Matthew Manning and Shawn Walker grabbed assists on the game winner. In the third, Ben Schmidt scored two insurance markers to secure the win.

Floyd Hall Insurance’s Atom AEs now have the chance to move into the semi-finals on Saturday with one more win! Great job on a total team effort!

*Submitted by Jon Petrie*

## Peewee AEs head to Oshawa

Randys Tree Care and Landscaping Peewee AEs decided to take advantage of the lull in their playdowns, last weekend, while the opposing teams were still battling to move on to the quarterfinals.

The Storm team was invited to play in the 36th Heritage Invitational Hockey Tournament in Oshawa which ran from Friday, Feb. 4 to Sunday, Feb. 6. The Storms first game was Friday and 8 p.m. at the Legends Centre against St. Thomas. The boys proved that the long day and late hour did not bother them when they came away with a 3-0 win. Goals being scored by Greg Crofts, Josh Rowden and Mac Rider.

Assists go to Max MacNaull and a shut out for goalie Parker Smolen. The next game was Saturday at 10:15 a.m. (the first of two) at the General Motors Centre and it looked like the day before had caught up with the boys and they lost 4-0 against Stouffville.

So, with a short wait until the next game at 4 p.m. against Peterborough the boys had time to get themselves together. This was an exciting game, with the Storm scoring first, but both teams wanted the win and the game ended in a 2-2 tie. Leaving people unsure if the Highland Storm would move forward to the finals. Goals went to Drew Vanlieshout and Mitch Billings, assists go to Josh Rowden and Mac Rider.

The Storm did move ahead to compete for the C division championship against Mooretown and came away champions with a 3-1 win and Greg Crofts as MVP. Goals by Greg Crofts (2) with one being unassisted and two men short and Alex Wilbee, assists go to John Morrison, Alex Wilbee and Regan Casey.

Despite the one loss in was a great weekend of hockey to help gear up the boys for the playdowns which continued this weekend against Lakefield.

First of three games being played is Friday, Feb. 11 in Lakefield at 7:30 p.m., then Saturday, Feb. 12 in Minden at 3:30 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 13 in Lakefield again at 4 p.m. This is a best three out of five series with the winner moving on to the OMHA semi final playdowns.

A quick mention to thank our parents and bench for coming together on short notice for the tournament and their support and encouragement to these boys to continue to play good, smart hockey and have fun. Also to let our boys know that we are proud of them and think they are a great team, no matter what.

We played our first playdown game in Lakefield on Friday Feb 11 at 7:30 p.m., two players short, one on medication for strep throat and 3-4 others with nasty coughs and colds. The boys had to dig deep to play this game and were showing fatigue by the end of the second period. The Storm boys had manage to pull ahead 3-0 going into the flood. Goals went to Greg Crofts with assist to Drew

Vanlieshout, Mac Rider and Max MacNaull both unassisted. The boys returned to the ice struggling to maintain their lead only to have Lakefield get two goals then pull their goalie. With Lakefields man advantage the Storm boys gritted their teeth, dug in their heels and attempted three times for the empty netter only to ice the puck and have it brought back to their end for a face off. One more time proved good as team got the puck out of their end and Greg Crofts finally scored on the empty net for a 4-2 victory.

The team headed home to a well deserved rest.

The game on Saturday, Feb. 12 in Minden at 3:30 p.m. proved that both teams wanted the win and that the puck does not always bounce in your favour.

The Storm were still two men short and the rest still recovering from their coughs and colds. Even though the Storm outplayed the Chiefs, they just couldn’t get the puck in the net.

The win went to Lakefield 4-2. Goals went to Drew Vanlieshout and Max MacNaull, assists to Mac Rider and Greg Crofts. Sunday, Feb. 13 was the third game of the series and the second in Lakefield.

The Storm were once again down two players and a number of the rest just recovering from the coughs and cold and the others just starting to get it. The Storm boys could not catch a break and Lakefield won with another 4-2 win. Goals for the Storm go to Max MacNaull, unassisted and the second to Josh Rowden with the assist to Drew Vanlieshout.

Our next game against Lakefield is Saturday, Feb. 19 at 5 p.m. in Haliburton.

Please come out and support the boys.

*Submitted by Karena Crofts*

## Novice Storm goes to Game 5 against Elmvale

The Peppermill Novice Storm hockey team split their two playoff games with Elmvale on The weekend. The team won a thrilling 4-3 overtime game on Saturday and lost Sunday’s game by a score of 2-1. The series is now tied at 2 games each. Game five goes next Saturday in Elmvale.

Saturday’s game featured end to end action with both teams pulling all the stops to try to pull ahead in the series. Strong fore-checking by Paul Turner and Mikki Bukta created loose pucks for Benn MacNaull who score twice and Alex Little who netted a nice breakaway goal. The team’s defence made superb plays in their own zone to keep the Elmvale team at bay. Ryan Hall, Ethan Glecoff, James Alexander and Isaac Little forced the Elmvale squad to the outside and Goaltender Nigel made several key saves. When regulation time ended the score was tied at 3. Two minutes in to the overtime period defenseman Alexander made a nice pass to teammate Joe Boice who spotted Tyson Clements in the clear and fed him a nice pass. Tyson buried the winner to put the Storm up 2 games to 1. On Sunday the Coyotes returned the favour defeating the Storm in a closely fought game by a score of 2-1. Smith was outstanding in the net while Alex Little scored the lone goal. The Novice Storm are looking forward to the deciding game five next Saturday and will a usual leave it all on the ice. Go Storm Go!

*Submitted by Paul Morissette*

## Bantam AE win three in regular season play

On Feb. 6 the Parker Pad and Printing Bantam AE Highland Storm began the second round of the OMHA play downs against the Douro Dukes. The series opened in Douro and the Storm were routed 4-0. The second game of the series was played in Haliburton. The home town boys were down two players and forced to use a few skaters who were feeling under the weather. Despite the short bench they started fast and Braden Roberts scored mid first period, poking home a rebound on a Tyler Casey shot. The Dukes responded with some rough physical play putting to use their size advantage. They scored on a defensive miscue by the Storm and the first period ended 1-1. The Dukes struck twice more in the second period and entered the final frame up 3-1. They scored again early in the last period and carried their three-goal lead late in the period until Roberts scored again on a beautiful solo effort. The Storm will face the Dukes again in Haliburton on Tuesday down 2-0.

In regular season play the team experienced three wins in a row. On the 9th they beat Manvers 4-0 with Jesse Davis racking up a hat trick. They then earned their first victory against Lindsay on the 11th with another 4-0 score. They finished the week with an away game in Sunderland on the 12th winning 9-0.

*Submitted by Doug Sullivan*

## Tough second round playoff series

The Highland Storm Atom A team is into the second round of playoffs against Campbellford. With three games behind them after the weekend, the Storm team is down 2-1. The playoff action began on Friday in Minden and with home ice advantage the Storm team took the game 5-1. Owen “Smitty” Smith played an outstanding game, scoring a hat-trick, other goals from Kyle Cooper and Owen Patterson Smith. There were three assists from Lucas Haedicke, others by Kyle Cooper, Nik Dollo, Lucas Hunter and Nolan Flood. Josh Bellefleur stood strong in net and every player contributed to this big win. The excitement continued on Saturday in Campbellford with a nail biting game that went into over-time. Both teams worked hard and the Storm team lost 5-4. Goal scorers were Owen “Smitty” Smith, Nolan Flood, Nik Dollo and Owen Gilbert. Lucas Hunter, Josh Boice, Jacob Haedicke and Devyn Prentice got the assists. We were back in Minden on Sunday for the third game, which was a tough 3-0 loss for the Storm team.

The series will continue in Campbellford next Saturday. Good Luck Boys!

The Highland Storm Atom A team is sponsored by Dollo’s Foodland

*Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke*





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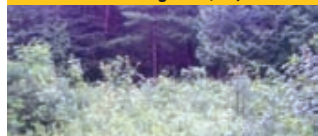
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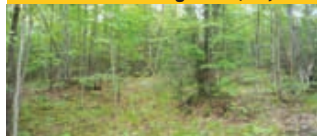
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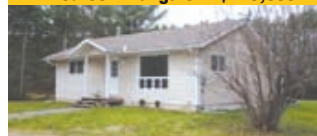
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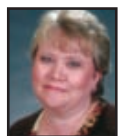


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